

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 479

Introduced by Assembly Member Parra

February 16, 2005

An act to add Section 140 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 479, as introduced, Parra. San Joaquin Valley task force.

Existing law grants to the Department of Water Resources various responsibilities relating to water resources of the state.

This bill would require the department to convene a task force to study the economic impacts of water supply reduction in the San Joaquin Valley.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The San Joaquin Valley supplies 45 percent of the nation's
- 4 fruits and vegetables and includes the three largest agricultural
- 5 counties in the nation based on gross receipts.
- 6 (b) The San Joaquin Valley contains 12 groundwater basins,
- 7 six of which are critically overdrafted.
- 8 (c) The San Joaquin Valley is one of the fastest growing areas
- 9 of the state, with a population that is expected to double in the
- 10 next 20 years.
- 11 (d) The economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley depends
- 12 upon a reliable water supply.

1 SEC. 2. Section 140 is added to the Water Code, to read:
2 140. The department shall convene a task force to study the
3 economic impacts of water supply reduction in the San Joaquin
4 Valley, including the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, and
5 Tulare.

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